



From the Director of Victim Services

June is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month. PTSD was first accepted by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) in 1980 and added to the third edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual Disorders (DSM-III).

Painful memories follow a traumatic event, and each person handles these events differently. For some, the effects fade quickly, but for others they will last weeks, years, and even a lifetime. PTSD is generally associated with veterans. However, it is not just our military that suffers. Anyone who has suffered a traumatic event is opened up to the life altering effects of PTSD. PTSD affects victims of crimes every day and yet it is largely underreported.

Crime victims have suffered a large amount of physical and emotional trauma. The physical injuries that are experienced are made very visible by bruises, broken bones, and black eyes. But when a victim starts to display signs such as inability to sleep, loss of appetite, paranoia, numbness, avoidance, anger, etc. it often gets over-looked and /or misdiagnosed for depression and anxiety. Bringing awareness to the needs of crime victims is essential in providing the care and support that's required.

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Victim Services Mission

To support victims, their families, and the laws that protect their rights, while utilizing recognized principles of offender behavioral change to help reduce the risk of repeat criminal behavior.

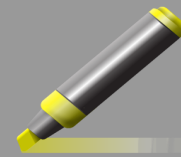
Victim Services Provides:

- Information regarding the status of offenders in prison with felony convictions
- Registration for victim notification
- Assistance with threats, unwanted calls/correspondence from an offender

Victim Services Activities:

- Community education programs
- Coordination with the Board of Parole, Attorney General's Office, and the Tennessee District Attorney General's Office to respond to victims' concerns
- Education to TDOC staff to increase awareness of victims' issues
- Collaboration with other victim advocates

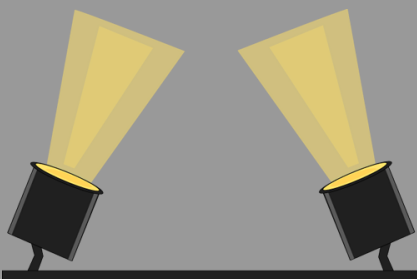
Victims Services Highlights....Let's meet



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Currently, she serves as the facilitator of the Inclusivity Committee in Tennessee and works as a program specialist at the Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. She is passionate about inclusivity and diversity and seeks daily to use this passion to impact the world.



Congratulations: Retirement Highlight



Mrs. Evelyn Binkley started with the Tennessee Department of Correction on June 23, 1989. She was one of the first individuals to be hired at West Tennessee High Security Facility which is now called West Tennessee State Prison (WTSP). She was one of the first hired in as a Correctional Officer; she wore many hats and held many different job titles and played many different roles, from Correctional Officer to Correctional Counselor III. She also served as the Victim Coordinator assisting crime victims who attended parole

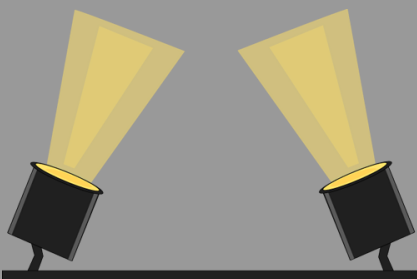
hearings and responding to victim issues and inquiries that were received at the facility. She is the only one of the original four first hired who is still actively working.

Brief history of stories: they called me “Ellie Mae” because of my love of animals. The name has stuck over the years with me and I am just a country girl to my heart! I’m the “onlyist” one who can speak with this slang and others always catch me using it and they laugh at the way I talk. I have always talked this way and didn’t think anything was wrong with it.

My enjoyment: is to fish every day of my LIFE! I am the crappie queen. The only thing that overrides fishing is the love of my grandchildren.

Words for those who are still here: “Stick with it even when times are tough, it will always get better”!

Congratulations Ms. Binkley! Thank you for your service to crime victims in Tennessee.



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

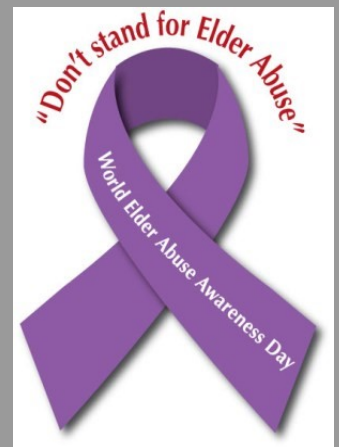
World Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) was observed June 15, 2020. WEAAD was launched on June 15, 2006, by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.

Elder abuse covers a wide range of crimes committed against older adults, including physical, sexual, and psychological abuse; neglect; and financial exploitation.

Seniors are often targeted over the telephone, through the mail, and online in scams involving fraudsters posing as Internal Revenue Service agents, sweepstakes scams, and other schemes to defraud them.

Elder abuse represents a serious public safety and health concern, but it is a difficult problem to address because it is often underreported. Many victims are faced with the choice of reporting a family member or friend to police regarding the abuse or continuing to suffer in silence.

You can report suspected abuse to Adult Protective Services Association.

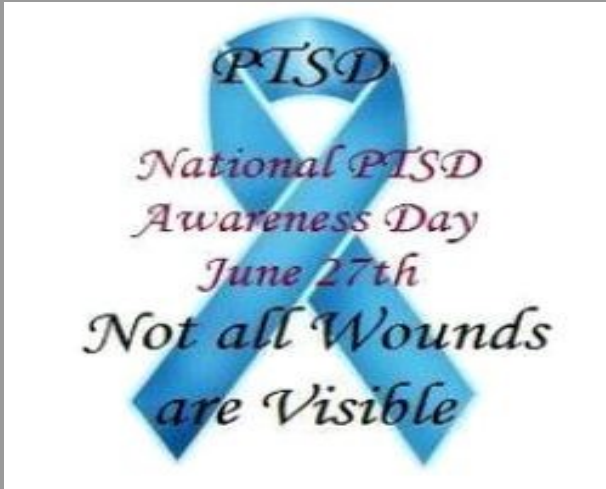


TDOC Central Office Monthly Stats

Telephone Calls	May
Phone calls Received/Returned	113
Parties Registered for Notifications	80
Harassment/Threats/No Contact	2
Referrals	22
Release/Parole Inquiry	23
Other	65

Notifications	May
Registration	142
Movement	5
Advance Release	280
Final Release *	74
Death	16
Other	40

Announcements



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